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Applicants

: Nobuyuki Itoh et al.

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: HUMAN FGF-21 GENE AND GENE EXPRESSION PRODUCTS

Examiner

: Ruixiang Li

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AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2004, please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.

Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, November 25, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time and a check for the required fee of \$980 are enclosed.